

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 12-18 without prejudice or disclaimer.

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus for laying a material sheet on a number of cylindrical bodies, ~~comprising: for example sleeves of paperboard or the like, which are employed int. al. within the papermaking industry for winding a manufactured paper web; sheet web or the like, characterised in that~~

a unit for applying a material web to the bodies; and

a conveyor is disposed to advance the cylindrical bodies in a the longitudinal direction thereof, to, past and away from ~~said~~ a unit ~~for supplying a material web to the bodies, and that the conveyor comprising: is divided into at least two sections, of which the one is~~

a first section disposed to displace the cylindrical bodies in their longitudinal direction up to connecting connection with an the end of a preceding body; ~~[[.]] and of which the~~

a second section which is connected to said first second and operates independent of said first section, and is disposed to positively rotate the cylindrical bodies about their longitudinal axis and displace the cylindrical bodies in the direction of their longitudinal axis during said applying application of the material web, with a the desired spacing between the edges of the applied material web.

2. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first ~~characterised in that the one conveyor section is disposed to displace the bodies at a higher speed ahead of the unit for applying the material web for connection of the bodies to the end of the preceding body and to permit slipping of the bodies after the connection to the end of the preceding body.~~

3. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first and second ~~characterised in that the conveyor sections comprise first and second sides which~~ comprise a plurality number of wheels disposed on a ~~either~~ side of the bodies, the wheels being obliquely incluable ~~inclined~~ in relation to the longitudinal axis of the bodies for rotation and driving thereof towards, past and away from the unit for applying the material

web.

4. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 3, ~~wherein said conveyor further comprises a driving belt and a drive pulley, characterised in that the wheels being rotated are rotary~~ by means of ~~said~~ a driving belt extending about their periphery, on which the ~~cylindrical bodies rest sleeve rests~~ and which extends to and around ~~the~~ a drive pulley.

5. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 3, ~~wherein~~ ~~characterised in that~~ the wheels are arranged pairwise and are obliquely inclined ~~included pairwise~~ for regulating the advancement speed of the bodies.

6. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 5, ~~wherein~~ ~~characterised in that~~ the wheel pairs in the first one section of the conveyor ~~are may be~~ obliquely inclined ~~inclined~~ independently of the wheel pairs in the second section of the conveyor.

7. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 4, ~~wherein~~ ~~characterised in that~~ the drive pulleys for the wheels on the first one side of the first and second sections are disposed on a first common shaft and the drive pulleys for the wheels on the second side of the first and second sections are disposed on a second common shaft which is ~~that the shafts are~~ interconnected with said first common shaft to one another, and wherein a drive unit provides for synchronous driving of the first and second common shafts and thereby the pulleys and the obliquely inclinable wheels.

8. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 7, ~~wherein~~ ~~characterised in that~~ the first and second common shafts in the first one conveyor section are discrete and separate from the first and second common shafts in the second conveyor section in order to permit differentiated driving of the wheel pairs in the first and second ~~different~~ sections.

9. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:
~~characterised in that~~

a knife which is arranged to cut the applied material web at an the end of the bodies

body after its passage of the unit for applying the material web during conveying-off of the bodies body therefrom.

10. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 3 4, further comprising:
~~characterised in that~~

a plurality ~~number~~ of trailing wheels which are provided above the bodies at the unit for applying the material web for urging the bodies against said plurality of the conveyor wheels.

11. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:
~~characterised in that~~

a trailing wheel which is provided for abutment against the cylindrical body flush with a point where the material web is applied to ~~is applied on~~ the cylindrical body.

12-18. (Canceled)

19. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said plurality of wheels in said first section are inclinable independent of said plurality of wheels in said second section.

20. (New) A conveyor for advancing plural cylindrical bodies in a longitudinal direction thereof, comprising:

a first section disposed to displace a first cylindrical body of said plural cylindrical bodies in said longitudinal direction up to connection with the end of a second body of said plural cylindrical bodies which precedes said first cylindrical body; and

a second section which is connected to said first second and operates independent of said first section, and disposed to positively rotate the plural cylindrical bodies about their longitudinal axis and displace the plural cylindrical bodies in a direction of their longitudinal axis during said applying of the material web, with the desired spacing between the edges of the applied material web.

21. (New) The conveyor of claim 20, further comprising:

a driving belt and a drive pulley, the wheels being rotated by means of said driving belt extending about their periphery, on which the cylindrical bodies rest and which extends to and around the drive pulley.

22. (New) The conveyor of claim 21, wherein said first and second sections comprise first and second sides which comprise a plurality of wheels disposed on a side of the bodies, the wheels being obliquely inclinable in relation to the longitudinal axis of the bodies for rotation and driving thereof towards, past and away from the unit for applying the material web.

23. (New) The conveyor of claim 22, wherein the wheels comprise plural pairs of wheels which are obliquely inclined for regulating the advancement speed of the bodies.

24. (New) The conveyor of claim 23, wherein the plural pairs of wheels in the first section are obliquely inclinable independently of the plural pairs of wheels in the second section.